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SUBJ: LIST REVIEW ORGANIZATION DISCUSSIONS

REFS: A) STATE 123519, B) OECD PARIS 14988, C) STATE-
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1. DISCUSSION ON LIST REVIEW ORGANIZATION RECOMMENCED
AT COCOM MEETING 5/31. FOLLOWING IS A RESUME OF DEVE-
LOPMENTS ON VARIOUS POINTS THAT WERE DISCUSSED.
2. PREAMBLE: PARA 1 -- USDEL OBTAINED COMMITTEE APPROVAL
FOR DELETION OF WORDS "INTEND TO" FROM PARA 1 OF SUG-
GESTED PREAMBLE. DEPT ASSUMPTION THAT PARTS A), B),
C) AND D) FROM PARA 1 DOC. REG (65) 2 WOULD NOT BE IN-
CLUDED IS CORRECT.

PARA 2 -- UKDEL AGREED TO REDRAFT PHRASE
REGARDING INVALIDATION OF RESULTS. HE EXPLAINED THAT
PHRASE WAS MEANT TO CONVEY IDEA THAT IF PROCEDURAL
DEADLINES WERE NOT RESPECTED AND LIST REVIEW WAS NOT
COMPLETED WITHIN REASONABLE TIME THERE WAS A RISK THAT
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ITS RESULTS WOULD BE OBSOLETE BEFORE THEY EVEN CAME IN-
TO EFFECT.

NOT CLEAR AS TO WHETHER USDEL CAN NOW LIFT AD REF ON
PREAMBLE EXCEPT FOR PARA 2. USDEL PLANNING ON LIFTING
THIS AD REF AT COCOM MEETING JUNE 7 UNLESS INSTRUCTED

TO CONTRARY.

3. I(A) -- USDEL HAD ALREADY AGREED ON MAY 16 TO TRANSFER OF PROVISION ON LENGTH OF INTERVAL FROM (III) (E) TO I(A). WHEN USDEL REASONED THAT PROVISION MORE LOGICALLY KEPT IN (III) (A) HE MET WITH UNANIMOUS OPPOSITION. SEVERAL DELS ALSO EXPRESSED ANNOYANCE THAT US WOULD AGAIN PUT THIS ITEM IN QUESTION. GIVEN RELATIVELY MINOR IMPORTANCE OF THIS QUESTION US DEL WITHDREW HIS REQUEST THAT ITEM BE TRANSFERRED BACK TO PARA (III) (E).

4. AS TO LENGTH OF INTERVAL ITSELF, USDEL OFFERED AS COMPROMISE 4 MINIMUM 4-1/2 MAXIMUM PURSUANT INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL C. HE EXPLAINED THAT US ENVISAGED FOUR MONTH INTERVAL WITH TWO WEEK FLEXIBILITY TO INSURE COMMENCEMENT DATE CONVENIENT TO ALL DELEGATIONS. USDEL TOOK PAINS TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THIS WAS A MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE INTERVAL PERIOD. OTHER DELS GREETED US COMPROMISE WITH SOME SYMPATHY. UKDEL REGRETTED FOR THE RECORD THAT US COULD NOT SHOW MORE FLEXIBILITY REGARDING LIST REVIEW LIMITATION BUT INDICATED BILATERALLY THAT HE THOUGHT HIS AUTHORITIES WOULD AGREE TO FOUR MONTHS. ITALIAN DEL STATED HOWEVER THAT HIS AUTHORITIES COULD NOT ACCEPT FOUR MONTH INTERVAL UNLESS SOME LIMITATION WAS PLACED ON OVERALL LIST REVIEW EXERCISE. USDEL RETORTED THAT US HAD ALREADY EXPLAINED WHY IT COULD NOT AGREE TO OVERALL LIMITATION AND THAT IF ITALIAN DEL INSISTED UPON IT COMMITTEE COULD ONLY DEADLOCK

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ON QUESTION OF ROUND INTERVAL. NEVERTHELESS ITALIAN DEL ASKED THAT US CONSIDER OVERALL LIMITATION PERHAPS AS LONG AS 12 TO 15 MONTHS. FRENCH DEL STATED THAT HIS AUTHORITIES WOULD PROBABLY AGREE TO US COMPROMISE IF AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED TO SET THE DATE FOR THE CLOSING OF ROUND ONE 45 DAYS BEFORE THE OPENING OF THAT ROUND. UK AND ITALIAN DELS IMMEDIATELY INDICATED THAT THEY COULD NOT ACCEPT SUCH A PROPOSAL. OTHER DELS INDICATED THAT THEIR AUTHORITIES WOULD PROBABLY ACCEPT US COMPROMISE, PERHAPS AGREEING IN RECORD THAT FOUR MONTHS WAS "APPROXIMATE" AND THAT COMMITTEE COULD ALLOW FOR TWO WEEKS SLIPPAGE WITHOUT SPELLING THAT OUT IN THE LIST REVIEW ORGANIZATION DOCUMENT. MATTER WILL AGAIN BE DISCUSSED AT COCOM MEETING JUNE 14.

5. (II)(A) - USDEL OBTAINED COMMITTEE APPROVAL TO DE-

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LETE "PREFERABLE" AND "AND AT LEAST THREE."

6. (II) (C) AND (V)(A) - UKDEL RETAINED RESERVE. HIS
AUTHORITIES INSIST THAT ALL REVISED PROPOSALS MUST BE
SECONDED REGARDLESS OF WHEN SUBMITTED. FRENCH DEL RE-
TAINED RESERVE BECAUSE FRANCE OPPOSES CONCEPT OF REVIS-
ED PROPOSAL ITSELF. CANADA, GERMANY, ITALY AND JAPAN
HAVE AGREED TO US FORMULATION WHILE NETHERLANDS AND
BELGIUM SWITCHED TO SYMPATHETIC RESERVES.

7. (VI - USDEL MADE VALIANT EFFORT REMOVE OVERALL LIMIT
OF 60 DAYS ARGUING THAT SEVERAL DELEGATIONS HAD STATED
THAT THEY REQUIRE 45 DAYS FOR APPROVAL AND OTHERS HAVE
STATED THAT THEY REQUIRE 30 DAYS FOR PLACING INTO EF-
FECT, A TOTAL OF 75 DAYS. ARGUMENT WAS UNDERCUT, HOW-
EVER BY ALL OTHER DELEGATIONS AGREEING TO 60 DAY LIMIT
AND EACH STATING IT WOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM ABIDING WITH
IT. USDEL THEREAFTER AGREED TO 60 DAY LIMIT.

8. COMMENT: THE FOLLOWING ISSUES ARE LEFT TO BE RESOL-
VED:

A. LENGTH OF INTERVAL -- USDEL BELIEVES THAT FOUR
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MONTH INTERVAL MAY OBTAIN AGREEMENT. USDEL
MADE IT CLEAR THAT ANY LESS WOULD NOT BE AC-
CEPTABLE AND THAT INSISTANCE ON OVERALL LIST
REVIEW LIMITATION COULD ONLY RESULT IN COMMIT-
TEE DEADLOCK ON INTERVAL QUESTION. USDEL NOTES
THAT DROPPING 4-1/2 MONTH MAXIMUM MAY BE
REQUIRED FOR AGREEMENT. HE BELIEVES US COULD
DO SO ON PROVISIO THAT IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT
UP TO TWO WEEKS SLIPPAGE MAY OCCUR.

EVEN IF DEADLOCK WERE TO OCCUR US POSITION WOULD NOT BE
PREJUDICED. QUESTION COULD AFTERALL BE LEFT OPEN AND
ROUND INTERVAL DETERMINED BY DATE SET IN ACCORDANCE WITH
PARA (III)(E). AT THAT TIME THE REALITY OF THE
AMOUNT OF WORK TO BE HANDLED MAY PROVE TO BE US ALLY.

B) - REVISED PROPOSAL - FRENCH, SEEING THAT THEY ARE
ISOLATED WILL PROBABLY COME AROUND ON REVISED PROPOSALS.
UK MAY ALSO BE CONVINCED TO DROP THEIR BROAD SECONDING
REQUIREMENT IF NETHERLANDS AND BELGIUM AGREE TO US PRO-
POSAL.

C. PREAMBLE: DEPT MAY WISH TO CONVINCE VISITING BRITISH
GROUP TO DROP ALTOGETHER PHRASE REGARDING INVALIDATION
OF RESULTS.

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